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1. The Jan Sverma Plant of Motorlet, National Enterprise (formerly Walter Plant of the Skoda Works) is located in Prague - Kosire. Along its north side is Trevizskeho Street leading to Plzenska Street and to its west is Donatova Street, in the Jinonice district of Kosire. 25X1
2. The north side of the plant has a metal fence on concrete foundations. The main entrance is in the middle of this fence. The rest is surrounded by an ordinary wire fence. Near the factory entrance is a small park with fruit trees. On the corner of Donatova Street stands a two-story building, 20 x 20 meters, containing dispensary, works council, maintenance department and a caretaker's apartment. On the ground floor, near the main entrance, is a guardroom. The management of the plant is on the opposite side of the plant, beyond the small park; it is located in a one-story building, 20 x 20 meters. This building also contains the residence of the chairman of the works council. Another office building stands near the production hall. It is a two-story building, 20 x 10 meters. It contains the drafting offices. The production hall is a building 70 x 30 meters of ferroconcrete, built before the war. The entrance of this building is opposite the main entrance.
3. The plant contains the following machinery:
 - 25 lathes of medium size, type TOS, production series 1949/50;
 - 5 large lathes, of which four are of foreign make and one Skoda GUR;
 - 30 machines for machining gears; these are of various sizes, mainly older, foreign makes, predominantly German Pfauter machines and two Soviet Komsomol machines;
 - 3 copying lathes;
 - 5 grinding machines, TOS and Kamenicek;
 - 10 drilling machines of medium size, TOS;
 - 2 automatic saws for iron;
 - 6 small vertical milling machines;
 - 4 grinding wheels;
 - 4 hardening furnaces.

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The lathes are fixed in a row, one behind the other, in the eastern part of the production hall. Next to each lathe is a machine for machining gears and a grinding machine.

In July 1953 the hardening shop was moved to the southwest part of the production hall.

4. The plant produces gears and pinions, as follows:

- a. All kinds of gears which are supplied to all Prague firms. Production and types vary according to orders.
- b. Gear wheels, internal gear wheels and worm gears and wheels for Czechoslovakia. The largest of these are 500 mm. in diameter. The width (height) is 60 mm. These are supplied to Komarno for gear boxes of ship engines.
- c. Gear wheels of 400 mm. diameter for the USSR; width of the gears is 700 mm. (length of the whole tooth), height of the tooth is 10 mm. These are supplied to the branch factory at Zlicin (Zlejšín - N51/L68) near Prague, where whole ship reduction gear boxes are assembled; 110 of these were to be manufactured in 1953.
- d. Pinions which the plant supplies to the Avia plant at Letnary (Čakovice). Some 150 pinions are produced in three shifts. The gear-cutting process is carried out on the Pfauter machines.

5. There are 300 employees, 25 of whom work in the office. There are only 30 women, seven work in the office and the others operate drilling machines or work as auxiliary workers. Of all employees, 70% are skilled workers, chiefly benchfitters and turners. The unskilled 30% are mainly people transferred from other branches of industry.

6. Metal bars of average quality are brought to the plant from the Poldina Foundry (Poldina Hut) in Kladno by trucks. Other materials come from the old Walter store, located at the Demartinka, former streetcar depot in Prague-Kosire.

7. The plant fulfils its plan 100%.

8. The head of the plant is the proletarian manager Jindrich Jirku, formerly an official

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9. The plant has 11.8% absenteeism, but working morale is rather good. Since the monetary reform all workers have to fulfill the norms.

10. Workers engaged in the manufacture of gear wheels get eight Kcs. (net) per hour. They are the best paid employees. Others receive an average of about five Kcs. per hour. A single worker has to pay 180 Kcs. in monthly withholdings out of a total income of 800 Kcs. gross per month.

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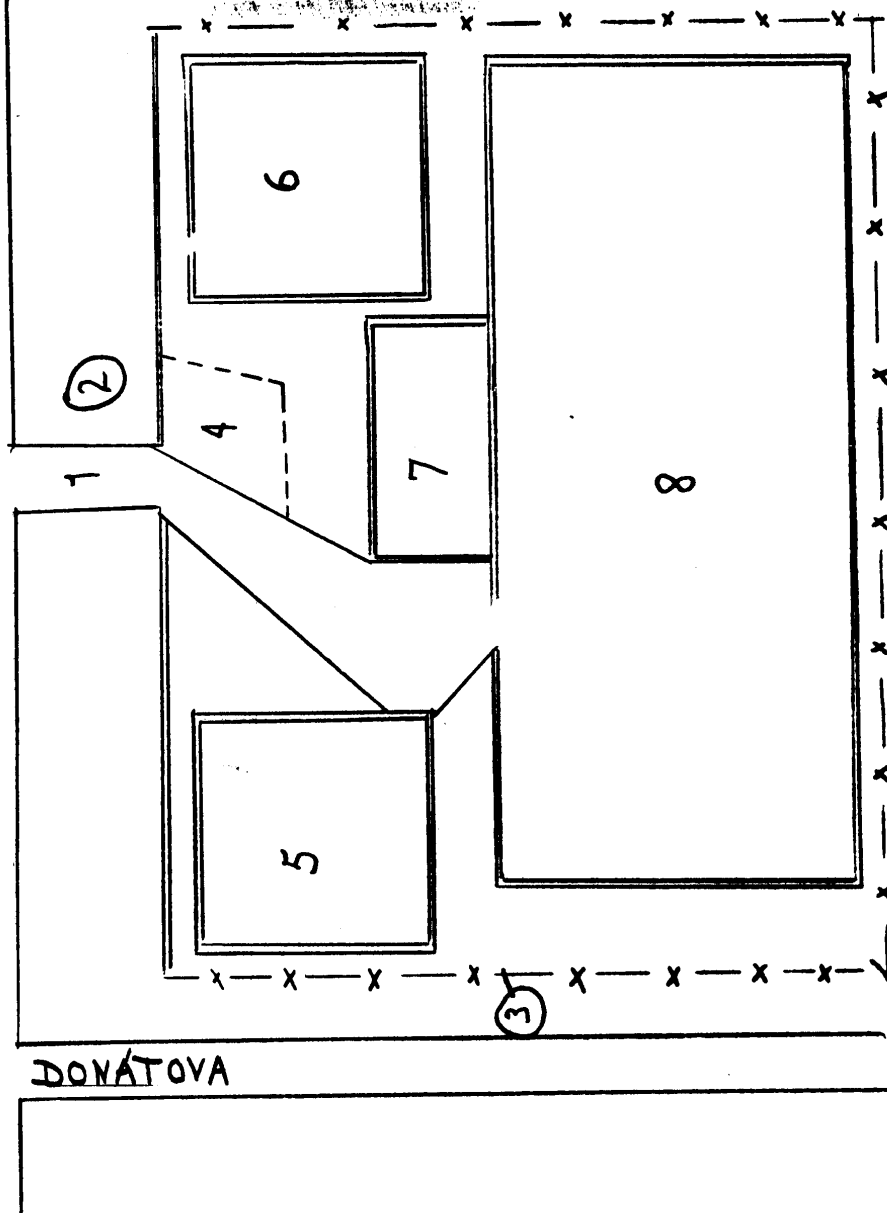
1. Connecting street.
2. Metal fence.
3. Wire fence.
4. Main entry and park.
5. Offices and dispensary.
6. Management.
7. Offices.
8. Design and drawings departments.

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